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Our Reference No.: 80191.00032

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed the following documents for filing with the papers of the referenced application:

1. Response to Office Action (8 Sheets);
2. Formal Drawings (4 Sheets); and
3. Acknowledgment Post Card.

The applicant believes no fee is required for this filing; however, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 502248.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicant hereby timely responds to the Office Action dated December 5, 2003 within the shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** containing formal drawings is attached following page 8 of this paper.